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4. (Amended claim 5) A flat-folded face mask as claimed in claim 1 wherein said filtering means includes the main body first portion and second portion of the face mask are made of filtering sheet material, acting as filtering means.

5. (Amended claim 6) A flat-folded face mask as claimed in claim 1 wherein said first and second portion filtering means includes a filter part integrated in the main body of the face mask are made of non-permeable material and said filtering means include a filter part integrated in the first and second portion of the face mask.

6. (Amended claim 7) A flat-folded face mask as claimed in claim 4 6 wherein said filter part can be replaced by the wearer filtering means includes a user replaceable filter part

7. (Amended claim 14) The personal respiratory face mask according to claim 12 3, wherein the elastic headband or ear-loop means for securing the face mask body can be attached and released from the mask body by the wearer.

8. (Amended claim 15) The personal respiratory face mask according to claim 12 1-7, wherein stiffeners are incorporated into the mask body first portion and second portion of from said common edge toward the face in the same elevation as said force (F) applied, reinforcing to reinforce the mask body where stress is strongest and allowing the rest of the mask body to be more flexible.

9. (Amended claim 8) A process for making the flat-folded personal respiratory face mask as claimed in claim 1 comprising:
first step of folding a roll of sheet material along the length of the sheet material;
second step of welding the folded sheet material along a pre-defined edge; and
third step of cutting the shape of the face mask in the flat-folded configuration out of the roll of sheet material.

10. (Amended claim 9) The process for making the flat-folded personal respiratory face mask as claimed in claim 8 [[7]] wherein said roll of sheet material includes at least two layers.

11. (Amended claim 10) The A process for making the flat-folded personal respiratory face mask as claimed in claim 1 comprising:
folding a flat sheet material;
welding the folded sheet material along a pre-defined edge; and
cutting the shape of the face mask in the flat-folded configuration out of the sheet material.

12. (Amended claim 11) The process for making the flat-folded personal respiratory face mask as claimed in claim 10 [[9]] wherein said sheet material includes as least two layers.

claims 12,13 and claims 16-24 has been dropped